



Rundell Autumn 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a brand new term and year. I hope you have had a fantastic and restful (where possible) summer. It is great to see the children back smiling and ready to learn.

This newsletter is to inform you of some of the important information and dates about the children's learning and events that are happening this term. Please keep an eye on MyEd for all the latest news and updates regarding events happening at Fishtoft Academy.

You can also keep up to date with the latest news by following us on Facebook and X.

Thanks for your continued support!

Miss Sheppard

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Important term dates

KS2 Swimming Sessions - Wednesdays beginning 9th September

Y6 11+ exams - Friday 11th and Friday 18th September (if applicable)

Year 5/6 Curriculum Evening - Thursday 17th September

Reading for Pleasure Parents Evening - Thursday 24th September

Individual photos - Wednesday 30th September

National Poetry Day - Thursday 1st October

Parents Evening - Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st October

Last day of term - Friday 23rd October

Our Curriculum

Maths:

In maths this term the children will be learning about:

- Representing numbers to 10,000,000
- Partition numbers to 10,000,000
- Powers of 10
- Rounding within 100,000
- Rounding any integer
- Counting below zero
- Ordering negative numbers
- Mental strategies for addition and subtraction
- Inverse operations
- Mental strategies for multiplication and division
- Recognising equivalent fractions

- Converting mixed numbers to improper fractions

Oak National Academy have some amazing resources to further support your child's learning:

[Free KS2 Maths teaching resources | Page 1 of 2 | Oak National Academy](#)

Times tables :

This year, we will continue to focus on times tables. As set by the government, all children should know their times tables up to 12 x12 by the end of Y4, the focus now is speed and understanding where times tables help children in day to day scenarios. To continue to support the children with their times tables they will be doing focused activities as part of their Maths lessons as well as allocated time to practise fluency on TT Rockstars.

Throughout the year, the children will continue to be tested on their times tables to further boost/secure their knowledge and also give them an opportunity to earn their times tables certificates.

Please find below the links to TT Rockstars and Hit The Button which the children can use at home to practice their times tables:

[Times Tables Rock Stars \(ttrockstars.com\)](https://ttrockstars.com) - **TT Rockstars (User/Password printed in Homework Books)**

[Hit the Button - Quick fire maths practise for 6-11 year olds \(topmarks.co.uk\)](https://topmarks.co.uk)- **Hit The Button**

English:

In English this term, the children will begin exploring persuasive writing and what makes a successful persuasive speech. The children will be given the opportunity to write and perform a House Captain speech to the whole school at the beginning of the term. We will then move on to descriptive writing, where the children will write a character description of Feodora from the Wolf Wilder by Katherine Rundell. At the end of the term, the children will write a report on 'The Wolf Wilder' and be given the chance to share their report to the wider school in the style of a newspaper report for the Fishtoft Times. The class will also take a look at poetry this term, and recognise National Poetry Day on the 1st October by analysing and creating their own Haiku poems.

In Guided Reading, the children will study the work of Katherine Rundell, in particular The Wolf Wilder, which has many cultural/setting links to our Humanities topic for the term (The Vikings). As part of our author study, the same book will be used as the stimulus for extended writing in English. Later in the term, the children will study a range of Viking Sagas's, analysing the writing style and truth behind the lines - working to strengthen comprehension skills. Before the end of the term, we will then study The Haunted Lake by PJ Lych, where the power of imagery and illustration is used throughout to convey the story.

Oak National Academy have some amazing resources to further support their learning:

[Free KS2 English teaching resources | Page 1 of 3 | Oak National Academy](#)

Spelling Shed

To help develop the children's spelling, we use Spelling Shed. This program has fantastic games/resources to help the children practice their weekly spellings. The children will be given assignments every week based on a spelling rule and will then be tested in class on that rule the following week.

Log ins for Spelling Shed have been printed inside the front cover of the children's Homework Books

Please find the link for Spelling Shed below:

<https://www.spellingshed.com/en-gb/>

Science

In Science the children will be learning about Living Things and their Habitats. The children will be learning about:

- How do plants reproduce?
- How do flowering plants reproduce?
- What are the stages in a life cycle of a plant?
- How do animals change and grow?
- Does every egg have the same life cycle?
- What makes a mammal's life cycle special?

Oak National Academy have some amazing resources to further support your child's learning:

[Reproduction and life cycles: animals KS2 | Y5 Science | Lesson Resources | Oak National Academy](#)

History:

Our History topic for the term are the Vicious Vikings. The children will be learning about:

- Who were the Vikings?
- How do we know about the Vikings?
- Why did the Vikings invade Britain?
- What was the significant conflict during the Viking era?

- What was everyday life like for the Vikings?
- What was the impact of the Vikings to our world?
- How did the Viking era end?

Oak National Academy have some amazing resources to further support your child's learning:

[The Vikings: how did Viking settlement change Britain? KS2 | Y6 History | Lesson Resources | Oak National Academy](#)

Important Info

Boom Reader

Your child will be allocated 3 reading books. We will continue to use Boom Reader to log reading activity. When using this application, could you please log reading with a parent and when the children read to themselves.

To access Boom Reader, please click on the link below:

[BoomReader Parents \(go-read.co.uk\)](https://go-read.co.uk)

If you have any questions or problems, please don't hesitate to come and see me.

Log ins have been printed and can be found within your child's reading folder.

Homework

Homework will be set on a Friday and is due in the following Wednesday. The homework is always fully explained to the children and often recaps things they have been learning in class. The children will be sent home with a copy of the pick and mix grid which has the homework for the term on (this is also available on the school's website). If there are any issues or problems with the homework, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Water Bottles

Please ensure that water bottles contain only water as squash and fizzy drinks are not permitted in the classroom. We also ask that all water bottles are named so the children can easily identify theirs and that they are plastic. Glass bottles are not permitted in school.

PlusPay

Fishtoft Academy is a cashless school. To support this, we use an app called PlusPay to pay for a range of things in school (Breakfast/Afterschool club, Trips etc.). If you have any issues throughout the year with PlusPay, please see Mrs Bringeman

MyEd

Please keep an eye on MyEd as any important information, notices and letters will be posted on the app. We will also post some of the amazing work the children have been doing in class and celebrate some of their successes through our social media platforms. If you have any issues/problems with accessing MyEd please see Mrs Bringeman in the office.

Carrot Rewards

Children can earn a range of certificates based on the amount of Carrot Reward points they earn and at the end of every term the 10 highest earners will win special certificates to celebrate their hard work. As well as this, the Carrot Reward points can be spent in the online shop and the items the children buy will be brought down to the classroom by Mrs. Bringeman

To access Carrot Rewards please click on the following link - [School Rewards Platform | Carrot Rewards](#)

Doors

The playground gates will open at 8:35am and will close again promptly at 8:45am. Anyone arriving after that time will need to go to the office to be signed in. Gates will reopen again at 3:15pm for collection.

We also ask that people are mindful when parking their cars at busy times and be respectful to the local community and each other when parking in the car park. Where possible, we encourage our families to use other methods of getting to school, rather than cars, to ease congestion.

Appointments

If you wish to discuss and problems/issues that arise, then please arrange an appointment at the office with Mrs Bringeman and we will be happy to meet with you.